

Alexandria Gazette.

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, 1906

Sully's Courtship.

While on a secret mission to Paris in 1588 Rosny had fallen in love with the daughter of the president, St. Mesmin. The young lady was handsome and kind, but while paying her his addresses he heard of a Mlle. de Courtenay, who was reported to be beautiful, well born and wealthy besides. Prudence suggested that he should make her the Baroness de Rosny, but he was already half committed to the other. While he was pondering the subject he arrived one day at an inn in Nogent and found, to his dismay, that by an unlucky chance both ladies were lodged in it. Mlle. de St. Mesmin in the left wing and Mlle. de Courtenay in the right. Both were ready to marry him, and he was ready to marry one of them, but could not decide which. It was a very awkward position for the wavering lover, and at first he thought of saving himself by instant flight. While he hesitated Mlle. de St. Mesmin's younger sister saw him and expressed her surprise that he had been half an hour in the house without visiting them. The decisive moment had evidently come. "Turn to the right," whispered the friend who was with him. He did so, and Anne de Courtenay became his wife.—H. C. Macdowell in Macmillan's Magazine.

A Versatile Parish Clerk.

The ancient parish clerk in England had many functions. Letters were not so common in those days as today, and the clerk was the learned man of the community. One of his functions was writing epitaphs, but this was not the sum of his accomplishments, as may be seen from the advertisement of John Hopkins, clerk of Salisbury in the eighteenth century:

John Hopkins, parish clerk and undertaker, sells epitaphs of all sorts and prices. Shaves next and plays the bassoon. Teeth drawn, and the Salisbury Journal read gratis every Sunday morning at 8. A school for psalmody every Thursday evening, when my son, born blind, will play on the noddle. Specimen epitaph on my wife:

My wife ten years not much to my ease, But now she is dead in caelestia. Great variety to be seen within. Your humble servant, JOHN HOPKINS.

He Stopped the Coughing.
One Sunday morning a clergyman was greatly annoyed by the unusual amount of coughing among his congregation. He had not a strong voice and could only be distinctly heard when the people were still and attentive. As the coughing went on, and even grew worse, he suddenly stopped right in the middle of the sermon. All eyes were instantly turned to the pulpit, every cough was hushed and there was perfect silence.

"My friends," said the minister, with a smile, "it seems you stop when I stop."

This gentle rebuke had the desired effect. The people found that their coughing could be kept down when they liked to a great extent, and the minister proceeded with his sermon under far more favorable conditions.

Ether and Matter.
The densest matter is more or less porous. Gold will absorb mercury as a lump of sugar will absorb water, showing there must be interstices or interatomic spaces in it, but the ether shows no such property. If a drop of water could be magnified sufficiently one would ultimately see the different atoms of hydrogen and oxygen that constitute the molecules of water. If a small volume of ether could be thus magnified the indications are that the ultimate part would look like the first, which is the same as saying that it is not made up of discrete particles, but fills space completely. This is expressed by saying that the ether is a continuous medium and is hence incomparable with matter.

An Odd Bird's Nest.
The oddest of all birds' nests is the one built by the toubane, a South African songster. It is built of cotton and always upon the tree producing the material. In constructing the domicile the female works inside and the male outside, where he builds a sentinel box for his own special use. He sits in the box and keeps watch or sings nearly all the time, and when danger comes in the form of a hawk or a snake he warns the family, but never enters the main nest.

Come Out of Your Shell.
Do you allow yourself to become antisocial, wrapped up in a brown study? Look about you. Speak to those that you have been in the habit of ignoring. Make friends with every one. Strive to touch life everywhere you can. You will accomplish your tasks better by so doing than by going forward blindly absorbed in meditation or engrossed by internal musings.

Then He Got Mad.
Husband (impatiently)—If the fool killer would strike this town he would find plenty of work to do. Wife—Is there such a person, dear? Husband—Of course there is. Wife (with anxiety)—Well, I do hope, John, that you will be very careful.

Returned Thoughts.
"Do thoughts that came to you in the long ago ever return?" asked the originator of silly questions.
"Not unless I inclose stamps," answered the literary party.—Chicago News.

Advantages of Travel.
All travel has its advantage. If the passenger visits better countries he may learn to improve his own, and if fortune carries him to worse he may learn to enjoy his own.—Johnson.

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A Thackeray Story.

Mrs. Bayard Taylor tells an interesting story of Thackeray in her memoirs "On Two Continents." The Taylors met Thackeray in London soon after their marriage. Mrs. Taylor writes that she found "confirmed in his person the characteristics which I had guessed at from his works—a warm heart under the mask of scathing satire. On the occasion of a small dinner which he gave us he said to my husband and the gentlemen had rejoined the ladies in the drawing room: By the bye, I must give you a wedding present. What shall it be? Then going to an etagere he took down a silver inkstand and gave it to his friend, in spite of the evident displeasure of his youngest daughter, usually so amiable, who claimed with all the naïveté of her fifteen years, 'Oh, not that one, papa.' But papa gave no heed and a few days later sent us the gift with the inscription engraved upon it, 'W. M. Thackeray to Bayard Taylor, Oct. 27, 1857.'"

Frank Statues.

One of the most interesting frank statues in England is to the memory of Sir R. Holmes. It is to be seen in the church at Yarmouth, Isle of Wight. The funny thing about it is that it was not originally intended to represent that naval celebrity. It was sculptured for and represents Louis XIV. of France and was being conveyed to that country when the vessel containing it and also the sculptor was captured by an English ship commanded by Sir R. Holmes. The body was finished, the head being left for completion on its arrival in France. On learning who it was for, the English commander compelled the sculptor to finish it by chiseling his (Holmes') head on the king's body. Sir R. Holmes was afterward made governor of the Isle of Wight and held this office from 1697 till 1692, and after his death the statue was erected to his memory.

Snow Banners.

In the Sierra Nevada mountains, when conditions are favorable for the display, there occurs a beautiful and startling phenomenon of nature. At times when the wind drives up the mountain sides in a certain direction and with sufficient velocity there stream out upon the air snow banners from a hundred mountain peaks. They are formed by the circling wind acting upon the light snow and are thick and dark at the top of the mountain, like a flagstaff, then they float away broadly for a mile in length in waves of iridescent light. This magnificent display is rarely seen by other eyes than those of the savages, but sometimes it has been the good fortune of a naturalist to witness it when among the wild beauties of the mountain fastnesses.

Ancient Theatrical Programme.

Theater programmes were known even in ancient times, though they were then of a very peculiar construction. In Greece and Rome they consisted of small tablets, which were handed out to the audience at the entrance. Those occupying the best seats obtained programmes beautifully worked in ivory, while those occupying the cheaper seats were given tablets in bronze.

The bronze tablets were distinguished by a dove worked in the metal, and the term "pigeonier," used in Italy today as designating the lower priced seats in the theaters, dates from this antique custom.

Another Phase.

No person can say with absolute authority just where the line between decision of character and undesirable obstinacy should be drawn, but many persons attempt to do it.
"I like my wife's prompt decisions as to what she'd better do," said the husband of Mrs. Orlando Jones, "and I admire the firmness with which she settles all disputed matters for the children, but the surprising obstinacy which she displays concerning my affairs is a constant surprise to me. It seems so out of character."

Margaret of Austria.

Bearded women have been very numerous. The most noted of the number was the famous Margaret of Austria, appointed by Charles V. to be governor of the Netherlands. She had a long, stiff black beard and, concealing the idea that it added to the majesty of her appearance, was very careful of it and so combed and trained it as to make it seem much greater than it was.

His Inexperience.

Judge—Have you anything to say, prisoner at the bar, before sentence is passed upon you?
Prisoner—I hope that your honor will take into consideration the youth and inexperience.

Judge (interrupting)—Wha-a! You have been convicted seventeen times!

A Reminiscing Friend.

"I am so glad I have met you, as I have two favors to ask of you."
"What are they?"
"I want you to lend me \$10 and not to say a word about it to any one."
"Two favors at once, man! That's too much of a good thing. One of them—yes, I won't breathe a word of this to a living soul."

One of the Fallacies.

Clerk—As I am about to get married, I came to ask if you would not give me an increase of salary. Employer—My dear sir, that is not necessary. You know a young man always saves money by marrying.

The Definition of the Defeated.

She—And so you think I'm a coquette? Why, I don't believe you know what a coquette is. He (bitterly)—A coquette is a woman who syndicates her affections.—Life.

The Breath of Life.

It's significant fact that the strongest animal of its size, the gorilla, also has the largest lungs. Powerful lungs means powerful creature. How to keep the breathing organs right should be man's chief study. Like thousands of others, Mrs. Ora A. Stephens, of Port Williams, O., has learned how to do this. She writes: "Three bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery stopped my cough of two years and cured me of what my friends thought consumption. Oh, it's grand for throat and lung troubles." Guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists, Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Through Thick and Thin.

If monarchs have often permitted themselves the indulgence of making puns the fact has not been recorded in the pages of history. One pun, however, is assigned to King Frederick William IV. of Prussia.

It is said that on the occasion of a court ball he was standing near the middle of the dance hall in conversation with an exceedingly thin ambassador. In the haste and excitement of a fiery gallop a lieutenant of the hussars danced, with his partner, between the monarch and the person whom he was addressing, and then, seeing what he had done, he began to stammer abject apologies and explanations.

"Oh, that was nothing," replied the king, with a hearty laugh. "A hussar must go without fear through thick and thin."

A whimsical glance from his own portly figure to that of the slender ambassador accompanied this answer, and the hussar felt himself not only pardoned, but invited to share in the king's laugh.

Serving Fish.

Fish is dainty food. Practice is needed in serving it. Lightness of touch and dexterity of management are necessary to keep the delicate flakes intact. It requires some skill to rip the skin and lay it back and sever the head and tail with neatness and dispatch. These three articles must never leave the platter. They belong to the cat. The choicest morsel of any white fish is the cheek. It is not good form to cut through a fish. Begin at the tail and throw aside the skin. Begin at the head to serve, cutting to the backbone. When the meat on that side is helped turn the fish and help the other side in the same way. If there is roe a part should be served each person. Boiling is the nicest way to cook and the easiest way to serve fish. Dress the edge of the platter with hard egg and sliced lemon, tomato and beet.

An Ivory Mat.

Many people have never heard of such a thing, and it is not to be wondered at, for these mats are exceedingly rare, and it is said by those who know that only three of these beautiful curiosities exist in the whole world. The one we now write about is the largest one made. It measures 8 by 4 feet and, though made in a small hill state in the north of India, has an almost Greek design for its border. It was only used on state occasions, when the rajah sat on it to sign important documents. The original cost of the mat is fabulous, for 6,400 pounds of the finest strips of ivory must have been taken off the tusks, as the mat is as flexible as a woven stuff and beautifully fine.—London Graphic.

Sea Water and Colds.

The delusion that sea water does not give cold is accountable for much harm. A child may be caught by wetting from sea water as quickly as by wetting from any other water. There is a certain stimulation to the skin from salt, no doubt, but that does not prevent chills from indiscriminate exposure to wetting by salt water, and chills are fertile causes of illness. The lower part of the body is always dangerous to any one. It is much more so to a child than to a grown person, though many people seem to think the reverse is the case.

Sandy's Warning.

A volunteer sham fight took place in England. During the retreat a Scotch volunteer in scrambling through some bushes stuck fast in a hedge. One of the advancing foe, seeing the situation, for a joke, came toward the unfortunate volunteer at full charge, with his bayonet fixed and a ferocious look on his face. The poor fellow in the hedge, seeing the threatening aspect of affairs, bawled out at the top of his voice: "Hand on, ya idiot! Dinna you ken it's only in fun!"

Mother Livezey's Well.

In the grounds of Livezey Hall, near Blackburn, there is a spring called "Mother Livezey's well." The curious thing about this well is that the water only flows during nine months of the year and is quite dry during the other three months—June, July and August—however wet the weather may be. The water always commences to flow on the same date each year, and never freezes even during the hardest frost.—Leeds (England) News.

Indigestion is much of a habit. Don't get the habit. Take a little Kodol Dyspepsia Cure after eating and you will quit belching, puffing, palpitating and browning. Kodol digests what you eat and makes the stomach sweet. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co., 401 King street.

A Chicago Alderman Owes His Election to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"I can heartily and conscientiously recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for afflictions of the throat and lungs," says Hon. John Schnick, 220 So. Peoria St., Chicago. "Two years ago during a political campaign, I caught cold after being overheated, which irritated my throat and I was finally compelled to stop, as I could not speak aloud. In my extremity a friend advised me to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I took two doses that afternoon and could not believe my senses when I found the next morning the inflammation had largely subsided. I took several doses that day, kept right on talking through the campaign, and I thank this medicine that I won my seat in the Council." This remedy is for sale by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

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AUCTION SALES.

By R. F. Knox, Auctioneer.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Corporation Court of Alexandria, Va., in Virginia, rendered February 19, 1906, in the chancery cause of William H. Hoek, who sees, et al., vs. M. J. Wine's administrator, et al., the undersigned Special Commissioner of Sale will sell public auction at 12 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1906, in front of the Royal and entrance to the Market Building, Alexandria, Virginia, the following pieces of real estate, to-wit: Lots 1 and 2 of Block 1, of which Miles J. Wine died seized: ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, in the city of Alexandria, State of Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west side of Alfred street 30 feet south of Gibson street, and running south on Alfred street 20 feet; then west parallel, with Gibson street 75 feet, more or less; thence north parallel with Alfred street, 18 feet 6 inches to A and P Dwyer's line; thence east parallel with Gibson street 18 feet; thence north parallel with Alfred street 104 feet; thence east parallel with Gibson street 60 feet to the beginning, together with all appurtenances to the same belonging.

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MEETINGS.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 19, 1906.

THE UNDERSIGNED, holder of more than one-third of the capital stock of the VIRGINIA TITLE COMPANY, hereby calls a special meeting of the stockholders of said company to be held at No. 119 South Fairfax street (Harlow Building), Alexandria, Virginia, at 4:30 p. m., on TUESDAY, the 6th day of March, A. D. 1906. The object of this meeting is to consider and vote upon a proposition to dispose of the entire assets of the company and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the N. AUTH. PROVISION CO., for the election of a board of directors and other business, will be held at the office of J. R. M. Smith, 31 Commerce Street, Alexandria, Va., on THURSDAY, Mar. 15, 1906, at 10 o'clock p. m. Transfer books will be closed ten days prior to this meeting.

N. AUTH, President. GEO. W. FIOR, Secretary.

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTING QUARTERMASTER, U. S. Army, Fort Hunt, Va., February 27, 1906.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon March 27, 1906, for the Extension of the Water Distribution System at Fort Washington, Md. Information regarding plans and specifications may be obtained at this office. The names of the manufacturers of the material to be used in the performance of the contract are required to be stated on the bid unless manifestly impracticable to do so. Proposals must also state the date upon which bidders will commence upon the work and the date of the termination of the contract. Proposals for the Extension of the Water Distribution System at Fort Washington, Md., and addressed to 1st Lieut. WILLIS B. VANCE, Artillery Corps, U. S. Army, Constructing Quartermaster, Fort Hunt, Va., mar 12, 3, 24, 26.

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